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SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY AT SHILO AND TAPUACH

1. DURING TRAVEL MARCH 4 ON WEST BANK, DPO VISITED SHILO
AND TAPUACH AND OBSERVED FOLLOWING STATE OF SETTLEMENT:

2. SHILO: TWELVE PRE-FABRICATED DWELLING UNITS, A
YESHIVA, AND SEVERAL SMALLER AUXILIARY BUILDINGS
COMPRISED THE MAIN CAMP FOR SETTLERS; ENTIRE
PERIMETER OF CAMP MARKED OFF BY BARBED WIRE FENCE AND
ALL VISITORS ARE CHECKED THOUGH IDF CONTROL POINT.
IDF PRESENCE CONSISTS OF HALF-DOZEN LARGE TENTS AND USE
OF RUINED MOSQUE. LOCAL VOLAG ACCOMPANYING DPO STATED
THAT 85 DUNAMS INCLUDED IN FENCED AREA OF WHICH ROUGHLY
20 DUNAMS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PLANTED BY FARMERS FROM
NEARBY TOWN OF KARYUT AND SEVERAL YOUNG FRUIT TREES
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INSIDE PERIMETER AREA HAD BEEN BULLDOZED. SETTLEMENT
IS ABOUT 500 METERS FROM ANCIENT SITE OF SHILO AND THERE
WAS NO EVIDENCE AT ALL OF ANY ARCHEOLOGICAL WORK BEING
CONDUCTED. ("JERUSALEM POST" REPORTS THAT SETTLERS HAVE
STILL NOT APPLIED FOR NECESSARY PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE
ARCHEOLOGICAL WORK).

3. TAPUACH: SITE BEARS NO EVIDENCE OF ANYTHING BUT
MILITARY PRESENCE WITH ABOUT 12 LARGE TENTS AND "HFDRAL
PRE-FABRICATED MILITARY STRUCTURES. PERIMETER FENCE HAS BEEN
COMPLETED AND ENTRY TO CAMP IS VIA IDF CHECK POINT. IDF PERSONNEL
TOLD CONGEN OFFICER THAT SITE WAS "A SECURITY AREA" AND
THAT THERE WERE NO CIVILIANS PRESENT NOR WERE THEY
AWARE OF ANY PLANS FOR ARRIVAL OF CIVILIANS.
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